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Biographies in Times of Crisis: *Exploring Religious Narratives of AIDS in Africa and the African Diaspora*

International Conference, Groningen, the Netherlands
13, 14 and 15 December 2012

Locations: Faculty of Theology and Religious Studies, Oude Boteringstraat 38, 9712 GK
Groningen, Court room

Academy Building Broerstraat 5, 9712 CP Groningen

Preliminary Program

Date	Times and location	Activity	Title
Wednesday 12	Studium Generale 20.00- 21.30 Academy Building	Public Lecture Gideon Byamugisha, chair: Rijk v Dijk	“Religious Belief and AIDS in Africa: a Personal Journey”
	9.00- 10.00	<i>Registration and coffee/tea</i>	
Thursday 13	10.00- 10.30 Faculty ThRS,	Welcome and introduction to the theme by Rijk Van Dijk and Marjo Buitelaar	

	10.30- 11.45, Faculty ThRS	Keynote 1 Musa Dube Discussant: Astrid Bochow	Speaking the Unspeakable: The Power of PLWHA Biographies. <i>Chair: Kim Knibbe</i>
	11.45-12.00	<i>Coffee/tea</i>	
		Panel 1: Masculinities and religious narratives. <i>Chair: Rijk van Dijk</i>	
	12.00-13.00	Adriaan van Klinken	Rewriting the Male Self: Masculinity and Social Vulnerability in the Conversion Narratives of Pentecostal Men in Zambia
		Sonja Gierse- Arsten	Multiple sexual relations of men in Namibia in times of HIV/AIDS
	13.-14.00	<i>Lunch</i>	
	14.00-15.15	Keynote 2 , Arthur Frank, Discussant: Marjo Buitelaar	Truth-telling and the Recovery of Dialogue: A Quarter Century Retrospective of Personal Storytelling and Critical Illness. <i>Chair: Anneleen Veldhuis</i>
	15.15- 15.30	<i>Coffee/tea</i>	
	15.30- 17.30 Faculty ThRS	Roundtable Chair: Gideon Byamugisha	Practitioners, academics & policy- makers debating 'wat do we want to achieve?'
18.00	Conference dinner in Land van Kokanje, 35,- pp to be paid at the conference		

Date	Times and location	Activity	Title
Friday 14	9.00-9.15	<i>Coffee/tea</i>	
	9.15-10.30	Keynote 3 , Philippe Denis discussant: Anneleen Veldhuis	Oral history interviews as a space for disclosure. How faith-based HIV/AIDS support group members from KwaZulu-Natal speak of their status in oral narratives. <i>Chair: Rijk van Dijk</i>

	10.30- 10.45	<i>Coffee/tea</i>	
	10. 45-13.00	Panel 2: The role of Testimonies in biographies of HIV/AIDS. chair: Marjo Buitelaar	
		Marian Burchardt and Eileen Moyer	On the Social Value of HIV/AIDS Testimonies in Africa
		Rijk van Dijk	Counseling and the Anxieties of Class: New Socio-economic Contexts and the Shaping of Narratives of the Intimate In Botswana
		Naomi Haynes	“Straight” Speech: The Promise of Pentecostal Openness and the Danger of Traditional Secrecy in Urban Zambian Sexuality
	Lunch, 13.00-14.00		
	14.00-15.15	Panel 3: Religious Narratives of HIV/Aids across generations. Chair: Kim Knibbe	
	with a coffee/tea break at 15.15	Rachel Spronk	Agency and event. Sexual self-narratives of young adults in Ghana and Kenya
		Lena Kroeker	Pregnant women with HIV narrating past, present and future
	15.15- 15.30	<i>Coffee/tea</i>	
	15.30- 17.00	Richard Parker	To be confirmed
		Other papers to be confirmed	

Date	Times and location	Activity	Title
Saturday 15	9.00-9.15	<i>Coffee/tea</i>	
	9.15- 10.30	Keynote 5, Vinh-Kim Nguyen Discussant: Marian Burchardt	The care of the other: hearing, waiting and writing in the production of clinical biographies. <i>chair: Rijk van Dijk</i>
	10.30-10.45	<i>Coffee/Tea</i>	
	10.45- 13.30	Panel 4: Religious institutions and biographies. Chair: <i>Hans-Joerg Dilger</i>	
		Radikobo Ntsimane	The Impact of “Strangerhood” on the Life of an HIV/AIDS Support group in KwaZulu-Natal: The Case of Springs of Hope NGO
		Amy Patterson	Clients in Church: Narratives and Power in Zambian Home-Based Care Groups
		Eleanor Higgs	Kenya YWCA and African women's theological responses to HIV/AIDS
		Alana Harris and Liz Grant	God’s Great Gift to Malawi’: Narratives of Mourning, Healing and Health at the Michiru Pilgrimage Shrine
	13.30- 14.30	<i>Lunch</i>	

	14.30- 16.30	<i>IRNARA Network Steering Committee Business meeting (per invite)</i>	
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Registration:

It is important that you register for the conference in time, so that we know in advance how many people will be attending. Registration fees are as follows: **20 euro’s for 1 day, 40 euro for the full conference** (two and a half days).

To register, please transfer the money to the following bank account, **mentioning the project number 501114**:

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Again, it is very important for our administration that you mention the project number **501114**. Please transfer this money before the 7th of December and send an e-mail to aidsbiography@rug.nl to let us know that you have transferred the money.

We are looking forward to meeting you at this exciting conference!

You can contact us at aidsbiography@rug.nl (Anneleen) and ke.knibbe@rug.nl (Kim Knibbe) or call us at +31 50 363 4585 (Kim Knibbe).